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This Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) establishes the framework for how the Air Force (AF) provides Fire Emergency Services (FES) to achieve its strategic objectives, fulfill its mission, support its programs, deliver its capabilities and meet accountability obligations prescribed by statute. This publication applies to all military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Air Force to include the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and the Air National Guard (ANG). This publication applies to contractors or other persons providing FES through the contract or legally binding agreement with the Department of the Air Force. This directive implements Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.06, *Fire and Emergency Services*, and interfaces with AFPD 10-25, *Emergency Management*. SAF/IE approval is required before this document is changed, reissued, or rescinded. Send all recommendations for changes or comments to AF/A7CX, 1260 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1260, through appropriate channels, using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, with a courtesy copy to Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency (AFCESA/CEXF), 139 Barnes Ave, Suite 1, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL 32403. Forms may be electronically forwarded to AFCESA/CEXF at HQAFCESA.CEXF@tyndall.af.mil. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and are disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm>. IAW DOD 5400.11-R, *Department of Defense Privacy Program* and AFI 33-332, *Privacy Act Program*, privacy act statements must be accompanied/attached or on printed forms when using personally identifiable information (name, rank, etc.).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

1. Background. DODI 6055.06 directs Department of Defense (DOD) components to establish FES programs to minimize loss of life, and damage to property and the environment. It requires DOD components to plan, program, and budget for FES requirements and to execute FES programs by implementing procedures to organize, train, and equip FES capability for each installation, site, or operation.

2. Purpose. Prescribe responsibilities and policies for FES programs in the AF.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. The AF will:

3.1.1. Administer and maintain a DOD Fire Academy and maintain the DOD F&ES Certification Program IAW DOD 6055.06-M, *DoD Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program*.

3.1.2. Ensure commanders at all levels provide appropriate FES programs in war or peace at all installations and during all military operations.

3.1.3. Ensure organizations comply with applicable Federal, state, local, and DOD requirements. Adapt and use applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards as the foundation for FES operational policies.

3.1.4. Establish a fire prevention program at each installation to ensure compliance with fire prevention standards and educate personnel on fire prevention requirements.

3.1.5. Use available FES capabilities to assist national and civil authorities as prescribed in DODI 6055.06-M and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 10-802, *Military Support to Civil Authorities*.

3.2. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics (SAF/IE) is responsible for fire protection policy matters as described in AFPD 90-1, *Policy Formulation*. SAF/IE will:

3.2.1. Provide broad policy and Air Force-wide performance oversight.

3.2.2. Serve as the principal Air Force representative and advocate to Congress, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff, and other Federal agencies.

3.3. The Office of the Civil Engineer (AF/A7C) is responsible to provide policy, advocate for resources, and oversee the FES Program.

3.4. Major command (MAJCOM) commanders and the Chief, Air National Guard Bureau, are responsible for establishing, providing, and maintaining FES programs at their installations and operations that implement policies in this directive.

3.5. Installation commanders are responsible for establishing, providing, and maintaining FES programs, resources, policies, and oversight to comply with policies prescribed herein.

4. Policies.

4.1. FES common level services are maintained commensurate with local and corporate risk factors as prescribed by AFI 32-2001, *Fire Emergency Services Program*.

4.2. FES programs are required at each installation, permanent and expeditionary. They include a fire prevention program and an emergency response program. Components of the fire prevention program include project plans review, inspection, enforcement, and education. The emergency response program includes capability to manage all-hazard emergency events that include but are not limited to incident command, fire fighting, rescue, emergency medical support and mitigation of hazardous materials releases or use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives. These programs are designed to minimize loss to lives, and damage to property and the environment regardless of cause (natural, accidental, intentional, terrorism, war).

4.3. At appropriate organizational levels, the Air Force shall require professionally qualified FES staffs certified IAW DODI 6055.06-M to ensure oversight and effective implementation of FES programs.

5. Terms Explained:

5.1. National consensus standards are generally used in subject areas not covered by regulatory standards or DoD/AF policies.

5.2. Hazardous materials are substances that pose a threat to human health or to the environment due to their toxic, corrosive, flammable, explosive, or chemically reactive nature; or those substances designated as hazardous under the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980* (42 USC, Chapter 103), or as defined by AFI 10-2501, *Air Force Emergency Management (EM) Program Planning and Operations*. For overseas installations, hazardous materials are listed in host nation governing standards and environmental guidance documents.

5.3. WMD is defined by Joint Publication (JP) 1-02, *Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, as chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons capable of a high order of destruction or causing mass casualties. WMD excludes the means of transporting or propelling the weapon where such means is a separable and divisible part from the weapon.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References******United States Code***

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

AF/A4/7—Headquarters Air Force Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support

AF/A7C—The Office of the Air Force Civil Engineer

AF/A7CX—Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Readiness

AFCESA—Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

AFCESA/CEXF—The Office of the Air Force Fire Chief

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

ANG—Air National Guard

CFR—Code of Federal Regulations

DOD—Department of Defense

DODI—Department of Defense Instruction

EM—Emergency Management

F&ES—Fire and Emergency Services

FES—Fire Emergency Services

IAW—In Accordance With

MAJCOM—Major Command

NFPA—National Fire Protection Association

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

OSHA—Occupational Safety and Health Administration

RDS—Record Disposition Schedule

SAF/IE—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment & Logistics

WMD—Weapons of Mass Destruction